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World, and it is now issued under the following chapter titles: "The Call of Boyhood"; "An Approach to Boyhood"; "The Boy in Village and Country"; "The Modern City and the Normal Boy"; "The Ethical Value of Organized Play"; "The Boy's Choice of a Vocation"; "Training for Citizenship"; "The Boy's Religious Life"; "The Church Boys' Club."

A History of the Literature of Ancient Israel, from the Earliest Times to 135 B.C. By Henry Thatcher Fowler, Ph.D. New York: Macmillan. Pp. xiv+392. \$2.25 net.

A number of useful treatises on the literature of Israel from the modern historical standpoint have appeared in recent years, notably those of Kautzsch and Cornill in Germany, and of Driver in England. These works, by their form and manner of treatment, have been directly serviceable chiefly to professional students. The present book is written with as much care and accuracy as its predecessors in this field; but it has the merit of being cast in such a form that the intelligent layman can make full use of it. Professor Fowler's work is to be commended not only to the divinity student but to the non-professional inquirer who does not clearly understand the new movement in biblical scholarship.

The treatment opens with a chapter entitled "Israel in the Ancient Semitic World." Moving out from this introduction, the various documents of the Old Testament are considered in the order of their age, as determined by modern historical study. Beginning with the early heroic poems, which include such pieces as the "Deborah Song" and the lament of David over Saul and Jonathan, the author passes on to the rise of prose, the great J and E histories, the prophetic writings, the Deuteronomic literature, the songs and oracles of the restoration from exile, the priestly writings, the Wisdom literature, the Psalms, the early Maccabean writings, etc. In each case the literature is viewed as an expression of the life and history of the times with which it stands connected. The writer is clear and authoritative, and withal constructive and reverent, having the essential interests of religion constantly in view.

The Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics.

Davidians-Fichte. New York: Scribner. Vol. V. Pp. xvi+908.

The appearance of a new volume of the Hastings *Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics* is always a matter of congratulation. As this great work proceeds on its way the impression is increasingly deepened that in the series we have an extraordinary addition to our literature.

The present volume covers such interesting topics as dreams and sleep, dress, education,

the family, evolution, expiation and atonement, as well as such highly important topics, though of less popular interest, as eschatology, festivals, feasts, and ethics. Many of these articles are really small volumes. One cannot help being impressed with the tremendous advance which theological thinking has made in the general historical feeling which runs through the treatment of all subjects, even such as ethics. Every page is rich with material for the student of religion. While it would be, of course, impossible to say that the volume is without errors of statement, one must be sharp-eyed to find absolute errors. Differences of opinion there may fairly be over many of the points; for example, the article on eschatology seems to be a presentation of facts rather than a historical evaluation of the facts; but it may be that that is not the purpose of an encyclopedia. At any rate, we wish to extend congratulations to the theological public that it has in Dr. Hastings such a marvel of educational creation.

The Holy Bible, an Improved Edition.

Philadelphia: American Baptist Education Society. \$1.00.

This is the much-discussed Baptist Bible. The fact that it is issued by a denominational house will undoubtedly prevent its general circulation, but it will be a pity, for it embodies sound independent scholarship and in type and make-up is very satisfactory. It is true that the word "baptize" is always followed by "immersed," in parenthesis, a bit of scholastic purism which, of course, supports the Baptist position. Further than this there is nothing to argue that it might not have been issued by any group of competent scholars. How painstaking and thoroughgoing the volume is may be seen from the fact that the present translation is the fruitage of studies that began in the publication of a revision of a portion of the New Testament in 1862, long before the Revised Version appeared. The volume is the outgrowth of a long history, and while there may be a fair question whether there is need of a new edition, it deserves respect rather than the sensational treatment which has been heaped upon it. It is a credit to any denomination to produce such a monument of really noble scholarship.

The Life of Dr. J. R. Miller. By John T.

Faris. New York: Hodder & Stoughton. Pp. x+246. \$1.00 net.

Although Dr. Miller was a successful pastor and editor, he will be remembered chiefly as a devotional author, whose pen has brought comfort to millions of readers, and whose writings have made God nearer and more real to a countless host. The career of such a man will